

# Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee



January 21, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20220

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at United States Mint headquarters in Washington.

The purposes of the CCAC meeting were to install new member Dr. Lawrence Brown; to review and make recommendations on the design of the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II 24-karat gold coin and silver and bronze medals; and to discuss suggestions proposed to the CCAC by members of the general public.

**New member:** Dr. Lawrence Brown, a numismatist and physician, whom you appointed on October 14, 2019, as a representative of the general public, was sworn in by Mint Director David J. Ryder.

**75th Anniversary of the End of World War II:** The Committee publicly thanked you, Director Ryder, and the leadership and staff of the Mint for taking the initiative to pursue this worthy program. The CCAC's design recommendations are:

- 1) Pair *Obverse 08*, showing an American mourning dove in flight (scored with 16 of 30 possible votes), with *Reverse 04*, featuring olive branches and a sun element derived from the 1945 World War II Victory Medal (scored with 21 of 30 possible votes); and
- 2) Modify the language and positioning of the designs' legends as the Mint sees fit, but preferably with the specific wording END OF WORLD WAR II, to make it clear that the coinage/medal program celebrates the end of World War II, rather than the war itself.

**Public proposals:** The Committee thanked Mr. Luis Martinez for his suggestion of a series of quarter dollars celebrating various presidential pets (specifically, dogs); and another public suggestion of coins featuring butterflies. Discussion was robust, pro and con, with general agreement that the presidential pets concept presents opportunities as well as challenges, and that the butterfly concept lends itself to selective colorizing and might have widespread popular appeal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Uram".

Thomas Uram  
Chairman  
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee